

DAUGHTER WINS PARDON FOR J. M. M'PEEK

Her Testimony Regarded as Responsible For Conviction Originally

NESTOS PROSECUTED

Two Letters to Tribune Reveal Action of State Board of Pardons

Illness of the convict himself, and illness of his daughter were the reasons for J. M. McPeck's pardon at the December meeting of the North Dakota board of pardons according to information from the daughter and mother which came to the Tribune office this morning. McPeck was sentenced from Ward county in 1913 for the murder of his wife. The testimony of the daughter is regarded by many as the evidence that sealed his fate. R. A. Nestos, now governor, was the prosecuting attorney. The fact that the pardon had been granted was confirmed at the penitentiary.

Bits of sentiment and of indifference to the common usages of life seem to be mixed in the life of McPeck. Convicted of murder, he early was able to secure a parole, an act which brought about a tempest in North Dakota political circles. Careless of parole restrictions, he was returned to the penitentiary and from there he has watched over his daughter, cared for her in her education, until the letter in which she extends her thanks to Governor Nestos is in a handwriting that might be envied by many a lady of the land. Now that the health of the daughter demands a less rigorous climate than North Dakota, he has won his freedom, that the needs of the child may be met.

The letters, which disclosed that the pardon had been granted at the December meeting of the Parole Board were enclosed in one envelope, and while the letter of the daughter desired to correct, in her opinion, a story printed at the time of the parole board meeting, both expressed appreciation of the act of Governor Nestos in acceding to the pardon of their father and son.

Two Letters

The two letters to the Tribune follow:

From the daughter:

"To the Editor:

"I, Crystal McPeck, wish to rectify the mistake about J. M. McPeck in this paper of Saturday, December 3.

"It was stated that he was sentenced to life imprisonment, which is not true.

"Also he did not commit the crime in a burst of passion, as it stated because he did not do it at all, and I being the only one in the room at the time the murder took place should know.

"As I'm sick and not able to thank Mr. Nestos personally for what he has done for my father, I wish to have him know I'm very grateful to him.

"Though my father has been imprisoned for eight long years at a salary of 15 per day, he has always managed to keep me in the alder school, also to give me a high school education.

"Crystal McPeck

The mother's letter is shorter.

"Wishing to thank our governor Mr. Nestos and Board of Pardons for the kind act to my son J. M. McPeck, and myself at December meeting.

Mrs. Mary Compton.

"1136 K St., Jamestown, N. D."

EMMONS PICKS

DELEGATES FOR

FARM MEETING

Alex McDonald and J. C. Kurtz

to Represent County at

State Meeting

Linton, N. D., Dec. 27.—Alex Mac-

donald of Glencoe and J. C. Kurtz of

Hazleton, will represent the Emmons

County Farm Bureau at the State Fed-

eration meeting in Fargo December

29th and 30th.

Realizing that fundamental changes

in our present farming system are

necessary in order to cope with the

distressing conditions that prevail,

the Bureau will adopt a sound, prac-

tical program primarily for 1922, but

one which will eventually make for

a more diversified and permanent

system of farming.

Community meetings will be held

throughout the county during Janu-

ary at which all the present farm ac-

tivities will be discussed—their

troubles and remedies also, and from

these will be selected those enter-

prises which are found mentally sound

and profitable, others will be discar-

ded and better enterprises will take

their place. (The new enterprises, of

course, are not chosen haphazardly,

but must be adaptable to, and prac-

tical for this county.) A definite goal is

set by each community in each of the

various enterprises, project leaders

are in charge, and the Bureau hopes

by this way to accomplish some de-

finite results of its activities.

A few of these community "Program

of Work" meetings were conducted

during November with splendid suc-

cess, and by the end of January prac-

tically every community in the county

will have decided on the main activi-

ties for 1922.

County Agent Sauer, who will con-

duct these meetings has just returned

from Fargo where he attended a two-

week conference of agricultural ex-

ension workers.

REPORTED GERMANY HAS FOUND FORMULA FOR SYNTHETIC GOLD; WALL STREET IS NOT WORRIED

Washington, Dec. 27.—Wall street was undisturbed today over persistent reports that a German scientist has succeeded in making synthetic gold. Certain chemists also were skeptical.

If the Germans wait for synthetic gold to make reparation payment, they probably will still need a long

er moratorium than they now seek.

said "George H. Brown," head of the chemistry department of Cooper Union. Prof. Fisher of Yale was quoted as saying in London that if the synthetic gold prospect were true, Germany might make a large of their reparations by using synthetic gold in payment.

"MOON" DRIVES MAN TO CRIME

Crazed, it is said, by moonshine liquor, and obsessed with the idea that his condition was due to the influence of his victim, G. D. Harvey, shot and killed Oscar R. Nordgren as the latter slept in Harvey's home on a couch. He used a gun, placing the muzzle of the gun close to Nordgren's heart. The crime was committed near Watertown, South Dakota.

RATIFICATION OF IRISH PACT IS FORECAST

Sentiment Among People of Ireland Overwhelming in Favor of Approval

DAIL MEETS JAN. 3

Appeal to People on Issue of Free State Seems Hardly Probable

London, Dec. 27.—Sentiment throughout Ireland as reflected in dispatches is overwhelming in favor of the Irish peace treaty. Reports from various provinces indicate that fully ninety per cent of the people in the country, six counties, want the pact ratified.

Debate on the treaty has been adjourned until Jan. 13, and it is believed that the recess will bring sentiment to a head. When the Dail re-assembles, it seems probable that the treaty will be approved so as to make an appeal to the country unnecessary.

GOOD ROADS CONVENTION HERE JAN. 17

Big Meeting Planned—Legislative Committee to Meet January 16

The second annual convention of the North Dakota Good Roads association will be held here Tuesday, January 17th, beginning at 10 o'clock. It is expected that three sessions—morning, afternoon and evening—will be necessary to take care of all the business that will come before the members of the association. Members of the legislative committee will meet on Monday, January 16th to perfect the final draft of the proposed constitutional amendment to be given to the people in the June primaries. In the evening the officers and directors of the association will meet to hear the legislative committee's report and transact such other business as may come before them.

Three principal speakers will appear before the convention. Governor R. A. Nestos will represent North Dakota. E. O. Hathaway, district engineer, Bureau of Public Roads, with headquarters at St. Paul, will represent the territory of which the roads of North Dakota are an important connecting link in the pathways to the west while the National Bureau of Public Roads will be represented by E. W. James, assistant chief in the Washington headquarters. It is likely that Mr. James and Mr. Hathaway will be in the state in time to meet with the legislative committee on Monday. Their advice, and their knowledge of national conditions is expected to be of great assistance to the committee in the work it expects to accomplish.

Following the convention here, Governor Nestos, Mr. James and Mr. Hathaway will go to Jamestown to address the annual convention of the County Commissioners' association which will be in session there.

Interest in the meeting is such that Secretary Will E. Holbein expects it to attract a much larger number than the session a year ago.

STARVATION CLAIMS LIFE OF MOTHER

Children Found Without Food—Mother Died an Hour After Family Found

Canada, N. D., Dec. 27.—When neighbors visited the family of a man named Weigen, who, with his wife and seven children, has been living in a house, they found the mother dead of starvation. The children were found without food in the house. It is believed the mother died of starvation as she lived but an hour after she was found. No attempt has been made to trace the family, but feeling is running high in that community against the husband.

\$2025 AWARD OF JURY IN FALCONER CASE

Robert Falconer, Minor, Wins in Personal Injury Suit—Hurt Last Summer

The jury awarded Robert Falconer \$2,025 and costs late Saturday afternoon when they returned a verdict in the case of Robert Falconer against Fred Gruenberg. The defendant ran into two boys riding on bicycles, one of whom was Robert Falconer, who sustained very serious injuries, including a broken leg. The boys were riding home from a ball game and were in the road. The evidence brought forth that Gruenberg didn't give them sufficient time to get out of the road and he ran into them. Raymond Barth, the other lad, escaped and Robert was the only one injured. Through his parents' attorneys he sued for personal injury damages. Robert is the son of Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Falconer, and is ten years old.

It took two days to try the case and the jury were out five hours. There seemed to be no trouble as to whether the plaintiff was entitled to damages but the jury divided as to the amount.

A suit by the Bismarck bank against the United States Sisal Trust will be called for trial January 3 when court convenes. Judge Coffey has called court for 9:30 January 3rd, and the following cases will be brought before the court:

Michael Barth vs. Eugene Walla and E. T. Burke.

Bismarck Bank vs. U. S. Sisal Trust.

Bank of N. D. vs. First National Bank of Napoleon.

Bank of N. D. vs. Hugh Egan.

T. P. Sheldon vs. Great American Insurance Co.

E. T. Burke vs. J. W. Pauley.

B. F. Goodrich Rubber Co. vs. Fred Putnam.

Farmers State Bank of Baldwin vs. F. O. Nelson.

John A. Raines vs. R. B. Loubek.

E. B. Marshall vs. J. C. Morford, et al.

J. O. Hendrickson vs. H. S. Dunbar.

P. E. Bryan vs. John A. Johnson.

The funeral will be held from the Lutheran church at two o'clock tomorrow afternoon, and interment will be made in the Driscoll cemetery.

MANNING WEDDING

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First benevolent institution in Ohio, the state school for the deaf, was opened in 1829.

PETER J. ROOK, ASSISTANT P. M. LINTON, IS DEAD

Died Yesterday Morning—Interment Takes Place in Holland, Michigan

PROMINENT IN POLITICS

Clerk of Court in Emmons County For Thirteen Years—Staunch Democrat

Peter J. Rook, 55 years old, prominent citizen of Linton, passed away at 9:30 o'clock yesterday morning at a local hospital. His death was attributed to acute diabetes from which the deceased has been suffering for many years.

Prominent in Politics. Mr. Rook was clerk of court for Emmons county for thirteen years. He was always a staunch Democrat and very active and prominent in political affairs during the Wilson administration, in which he was a very strong supporter. In state politics he was independent and took an active part on various committees in opposition to the Nonpartisan league. During the past few years he has been assistant postmaster at Linton, being assistant to Mrs. Rook, who is postmistress.

Born in Michigan. Deceased was born in Holland, Michigan, in 1866, and he spent many years of his life in Holland. He was one of the earliest settlers in Emmons county and for the past twenty years had made his home in Linton. He had many very close friends in Bismarck, among whom were Attorney Scott Cameron and Postmaster Reed.

He leaves two sons to mourn his loss besides his widow.

Interment in Michigan. His remains, accompanied by Mrs. Rook were taken to his old home in Holland, Michigan, where the funeral will be held Saturday.

HENRY NELSON DROPPED DEAD AT DRISCOLL

Farmer Residing Near Driscoll—Heart Failure Cause of Untimely Death

Henry Nelson, 55 years old, dropped dead in Gary's pool hall at three o'clock Saturday afternoon in Driscoll. Heart failure is said to be the cause of his death.

Deceased has lived on a farm about six miles north of Driscoll for the past thirteen years. He was moderately well fixed and was well thought of in the Driscoll community where he was very well known. He drove to Driscoll Saturday with his family to do the last of the Christmas shopping.

The family were just about through shopping and were on their way through home when Mr. Nelson stepped in the pool hall and while talking with friends fell over dead.

He was a member of the Woodman lodge. He leaves to mourn his sudden death a wife and two grown children, a son and a daughter, all of whom reside at Driscoll.

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DEBS LEAVES FOR CAPITAL TO SEE DAUGHTERTY

Expected to go Home as Soon as His Business in Washington Has Been Finished

PLAN CELEBRATION

25,000 People Expected to Parade Streets of Terre Haute Wednesday

Washington, Dec. 27.—War against war is to occupy a great part of the future activities of Eugene V. Debs, freed from Atlanta penitentiary on Christmas day, according to his own announcement. The socialist leader said he could make no concrete plans for the future until he reached his home for which he will leave Washington at 6:20 tonight. Debs announced his determination to obtain, if possible, a vow from every man, woman and child in this country, and every country which he might visit that they refuse to take up arms and go to war.

Terre Haute Prepares Welcome. Terre Haute, Ind., Dec. 27.—Terre Haute is aswarm with socialists today. Leaders of the organization from all parts of the country are assembling here as the advance guard of the thousands expected to welcome him on his arrival from Washington at 4 P. M. Wednesday afternoon. C. K. Reinhold, chairman of the local committee in charge of the plans, said today there would be 25,000 men and women in the parade Wednesday afternoon.

A mass meeting has been called for tonight as a tribute to Debs and to afford an opportunity for the gathering host to give vent to their feelings for their leader.

GOES TO CAPITAL

Atlanta, Ga., Dec. 27.—Eugene V. Debs, several times Socialist candidate for president, was released from Atlanta penitentiary at 11:30 Christmas morning, the balance of his ten-year sentence for violation of the espionage act having been commuted by President Harding.

Debs left an hour later for Washington, his release having been conditioned, he said, upon his reporting to Attorney General Daugherty. He refused to issue a statement or to comment in any way on his case.

Greeted by Ovation. An ovation was given the socialist leader as he emerged from the great iron gates of the prison. The roar from the crowd which had gathered outside the walls was echoed plainly from within as the many friends he had made during the past two years shouted a goodbye. Debs paused in the gateway and waved his hat to a group within the prison before entering an automobile in which he was taken to the station.

Friends of Debs said he planned to go to his home in Terre Haute, Ind., as soon as the business which necessitated his visit to Washington was concluded. There was no information as to how long this would require.

Debs was accompanied to Washington by his brother Theodore who had been in Atlanta for several days making arrangements for the trip home. Miss Lucy Robbins of the American Federation of Labor; Miss Helen Rotter, a member of the Debs Freedom conference, and a number of newspapermen.

For the past forty-eight hours, friends of Debs had kept a ceaseless watch over the prison expecting his release at any moment, despite reports from Washington that his commutation of sentence did not become effective until after midnight of Saturday. Warden Dyche and Debs had breakfast together at the warden's residence, and Debs later returned to the institution.

Just before Debs was released formally, the warden issued orders permitting newspapermen to enter the prison.

At the railroad station the socialist leader declared the party would ride in a day coach to Washington and would donate the Pullman fare to the Russian relief fund. When asked his views regarding the release of political prisoners, Debs declared he did not care to discuss the subject at length but added, "I left 2,300 men back there and they all should be given their liberty. They are all my friends."

Debs was convicted in September, 1918, for obstructing the draft, and was sentenced to serve ten years in the Federal penitentiary.

Called "Intelligence for Good." He made no effort to prevent the imposition of the penalty but his friends carried the fight to the United States Supreme court, which, in March, 1919, upheld Debs' conviction. The socialist leader was taken to the Missouri State Penitentiary, where he was confined for two years.

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YOUNG LOVERS CARRY OUT A SUICIDE PACT

Paesiac, N. J., Dec. 27.—Too poor to marry, was the reason that impelled Thomas Brands, 18, and his sweetheart, Mathilda Rist, 17, to take their lives by poison here today, the boy told the police at the general hospital where he died. Thomas was employed as a clerk by a local mill and the girl was a stenographer. They met about a year ago. The friendship developed into love and the fact that Thomas was just starting on his career and was not making enough money they had not planned on an early marriage.

Last Saturday the girl confided that she felt that they should marry soon. They talked it over and decided that was out of the question for financial reasons.

The two visited a corner drug store and purchased poison enough to kill a dog, and then went to the girl's home where they swallowed the poison shortly after midnight. They were taken in the same ambulance to the hospital where they died in two hours.

EMPLOYMENT BUREAU ARE LOW ON FUNDS

Extra Demands on Department Draw Heavily on Provisional Funds

Checking of the accounts of the last six months record of the State and Federal Employment service in North Dakota shows that exceptional requirements must be made in the expenses if the money available for the service is to last to the end of the fiscal period, July 1, 1923.

With less than six months of the two year period passed, the fund has been reduced to \$3,779.93 or about \$200.00 a month for the eighteen months remaining. Expenses for the first six months have averaged more than \$1,000.00 a month. The fund for the two-year period, appropriated jointly by the state and federal government is \$10,000.00.

Attorney General Sveinbjorn Johnson has written to Minnie B. Bove, in charge of the office at Fargo, asking for suggestions for reducing expenses to a figure corresponding with the funds on hand. Offices opened last summer already have been abandoned, and stenographers dismissed, but still further retrenchment is necessary to come within the limits of the moneys available.

WILL SEEK TO PROVE ALIBI FOR BURCH

Problematic Whether Co-Defendant in Murder Trial Will Testify for Defense

Los Angeles, Cal., Dec. 27.—Trial of Arthur Burch charged with the murder of Kennedy went into its sixth week when it was resumed after a Christmas recess. It was considered possible that the defense would call witnesses whose testimony would tend to establish an alibi for Burch, but no definite statement of such a plan was forthcoming.

Mrs. Oberbach has been subpoenaed as a witness by counsel of Burch but has not announced whether she will testify. It has been pointed out that she cannot be forced to do so because she has been indicted with him.

CHILDREN HAVE EYES TESTED FREE

Bismarck Optometrists Devoting Time to Examining Eyes of School Children

National, state, county and city authorities, and many civic associations, have for years devoted much time and study to the different eye troubles common among all classes of people. They have especially devoted much time to the many eye defects among school children. It has been found that children who are frequently deficient in their studies are suffering from some form of eye defect, which in many cases can be remedied, even completely cured by the proper attention of an optometrist. The use of glasses is not always necessary. The North Dakota Optical association has taken a more than ordinary step and commencing today Bismarck Optometrists will examine the eyes of school children free of charge for a week. Parents should not hesitate to call on the local optometrist for advice and suggestions as this service is not only free but no obligation is placed on those seeking assistance.

MANY NO. DAK. OFFICIALS GO HOME FOR XMAS

Many of the state officers took occasion to make short visits away from Bismarck because of the conjunction of Sunday and the Christmas holiday, Monday. Governor R. A. Nestos visited his former home at Minot, his first trip away from Bismarck since he assumed office a month ago. Mr. Kitchen remained in Bismarck, as did Mr. Hall and Mr. Steen. Miss Neilson spent the vacation at her home in Valley City. Gilbert Semingsen at Minot, Robert Flint at Fargo and R. G. Capen at Jamestown. W. B. DeN

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THE FAST AGE

Marshal Foch, on his American tour, traveled 20,000 miles in 47 days. An average of about 400 miles a day.

He traveled on 36 different railroads, toured 32 states, paused in 200 cities and towns, made 300 speeches, attended 200 banquets, planted trees, dedicated buildings, laid corner-stones and was seen and heard by an estimated 15,000,000 Americans.

That is a lot to pack into 47 days.

It illustrates the fast age in which we live.

All made possible by that magic marvel—modern transportation methods, the conquerer of space and time.

Compare this triumphal tour by Foch, conqueror of the Germans, with Julius Caesar traveling 30 miles a day in a chariot or on a litter borne on the shoulders of panting Nubian slaves.

After 30 miles in a chariot, over rough roads, Caesar must have ached from the jolting and lost all desire to be a tourist.

Contrasted with this, Foch winds up a 20,000-mile trip, steps out of the Pullman palace car and returns home—somewhat tired but none the worse for wear.

There is more comfort even in a day coach on the railroad than the ancient emperors had with all their fabled "luxury."

The age of machinery has made ancient luxuries of kings the every-day, matter-of-fact necessities of the average man in 1921.

Alexander the Great wept because there were no more worlds left for him to conquer. So he thought.

It never occurred to him to conquer the problem of transportation.

Civilization follows the railroad. Tomorrow it will follow the flying machine.

You need not go as far back as Caesar to realize the luxurious state of modern transportation. Get some old man to tell you of the days before railroads, when long-distance trips were made by stage-coach over crude trails and corduroy roads.

Why sigh for "the good old days?"

We are living in the greatest period of human history. The transportation system that made Foch's trip possible is only one of the many evidences of that.

And, no doubt, our modern transportation will seem crude to future generations, just as we look back to chariots and stage-coaches.

LIFE

In the 16th century, the average life was only 18 years, according to Red Cross experts. This rose to 28 years in the 18th century, to 35 years in 1910 and 39 years in 1920.

The steady rise has been due to health education, the real elixir of life.

In the year 2070, Red Cross experts predict, the average life will be 100 years. Consoling? Trouble is, few of us will be here to enjoy it. Like telling a hungry man that porterhouse steaks will grow on trees a few centuries hence.

VANISHING

Along comes a government report which says that Uncle Sam's tax collections dropped off nearly \$1,000,000,000 in the fiscal year ended last June 30. The fall is due to slumping prices and to shrunken depression.

Indications are that taxes collected in the current fiscal year will take a much greater slump. About six months from now, Congress will feel its hair stand on end as it asks what business men now are predicting: "Where's the government going to get the money?" Put on the brakes! Give us economy!

KING CHEPHREN

Digging into Egyptian tombs 5000 years old, American scientists find nine heads, carved out of stone. These heads are duplicates of the real heads of King Chephren and his family, who ruled Egypt 5000 years ago.

Ancient Egyptians wanted to show up in the Great Beyond, just as they looked in life. If their skulls turned to dust or got lost in the perils of the journey into the hereafter, the stone heads were supposed magically to serve as substitutes.

To keep the souls of ancient ruling Egyptians from becoming lonesome, hundreds of subject people were buried alive with the bodies of the rulers.

Kings had ancient customs and the human brain strange. Before democracy, education and Christianity got on the job.

MOTHERS

"I pledge myself with all my heart and soul that so long as I live I will never raise my hand again to assist any armed conflict between nations."

That pledge is made jointly by the two war mothers who officially represented Great Britain and America at the memorial services to the Unknown American Soldier.

All mothers should make this pledge: "Complete disarmament may not be possible now. But it will come in time. I pledge myself to do my share by teaching my children to hate war, also not to give them war toys, which plant the germ of war in the child's brain."

LIES

Is a lie ever justifiable? No, says Dr. Richard Cabot, prominent Boston physician. He starts a big argument in his profession by declaring that doctors always should tell their patients the truth, never deceiving them about critical illness.

This gets into the power of mind over matter. Some patients have pulled through sickness by will power alone. Equally powerful is imagination, which makes hypochondriacs imagine they are sick.

If some patients knew the truth, they might die of fear. Others, learning the truth, could rally their will power.

What do you think?

FISH

Anglers cheer at Coney Island, where fish are swimming so close to shore that many of them leap out on the beach.

Big fish are hunting in great numbers. The terrified little fellows hustle to shallow water to escape.

This form of warfare goes on constantly in nature. Cynics refer to it as proof that war is a natural state of man. They are wrong. Animal life has to prey on its fellows, to live. Not so with civilized man. Vegetable life is his only legitimate prey.

HONOLULU

At Pearl Harbor naval station, just outside Honolulu, \$5,000,000 of "improvements" are being rushed. Chief among the improvements is a naval air station at Ford Island. It will be as good as any under the American flag, housing 50 of the finest flying machines.

If war ever comes in the Pacific, the air squadron operating out of Pearl Harbor would be more valuable than a half dozen battleships. Future wars will be fought in the air and in the laboratories. The chemist's test-tube is more deadly than the 16-inch gun.

OUCH!

Admirers of Marshal Foch presented him with a live American wildcat. The news evidently traveled to Montreal, for a French-Canadian gave Mayor Martin a black bear cub. The mayor stooped to pet it and got bitten in the leg.

This novel custom, of presenting wild beasts as a token of esteem, has interesting possibilities.

EDITORIAL REVIEW

Comments reproduced in this column may or may not express the opinion of The Tribune. They are presented here in order that our readers may have both sides of important issues which are being discussed in the press of the day.

REED CANNOT SEE IT

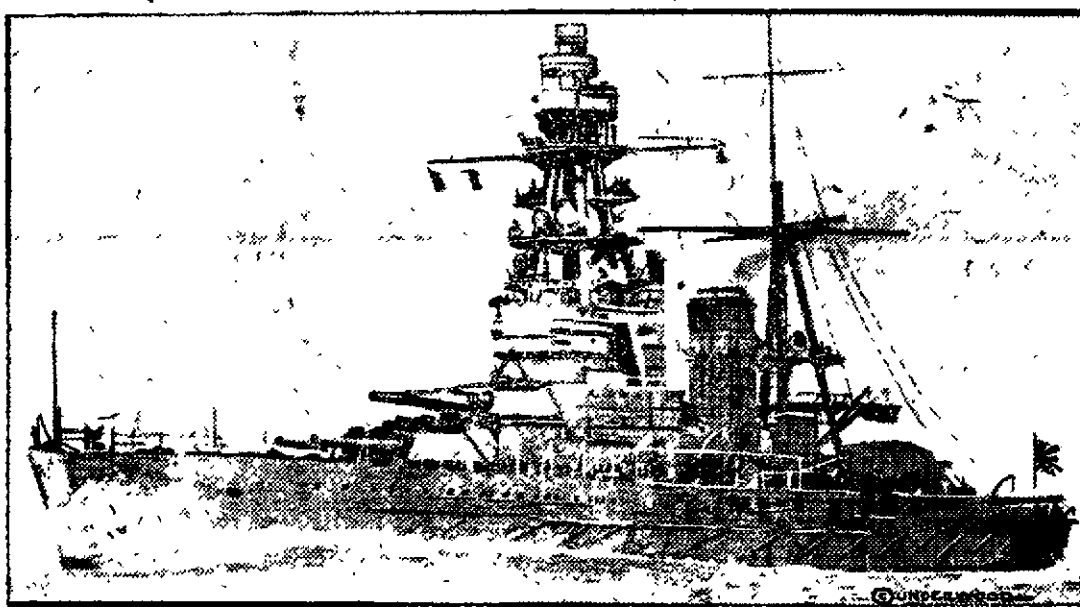
Boiled down, Senator Reed's objection to the naval limitation agreement is that it prevents America from having a greater navy than England has. It prevents America, in other words, from exercising its economic power to make itself the bully of the world. The fact that America's disarmament proposals do involve a surrender of that advantage, if advantage it really be, is a chief element in the moral greatness of America's action.—Lincoln Journal.

EMPTY DWELLINGS

"Take or leave" has been the haughty decree handed down to helpless renters since the beginning of the stringency in rentable dwellings. A police housing survey shows that there are 796 dwellings or possible dwellings in the city without tenants and that in the leading apartment house district the landlord has issued his doom of extinction in just 216 too many instances. The renters, either through resourcefulness or necessity, have exercised the option which the landlords assumed did not exist and have handed their supposed masters the cold consolation of empty apartments, with the incidental items of taxes, insurance, janitor service, interest and depreciation to be deducted from the profits extracted of others who had to stay and pay.

"Supply and demand" has been the golden text of the rent profiteer. Now let him have it, and let us observe whether he is as enthusiastic about it when demand tends to disappear as he was when supply was out of sight. The wages of too much extortion is loss, and this is as true of one class in the housing business as of another. The building material also has over-hogged the trough, and arbitrary labor has reaped idleness and loss from its demands. "Take or leave" is a business attitude which is likely to outgrow its seasonableness.—St. Louis Post Dispatch.

FIRST PHOTO OF MUTSU, JAPAN'S MIGHTIEST



This is the first photograph to reach the United States of the Mutsu, Japan's latest man-of-war. Japan was allowed to save it from the scrap pile under the "5-5-3" agreement largely through sentiment. School children helped to pay for it with their pennies, Japanese designers and workmen built it and the material was entirely furnished by Japan. It travels 23 knots an hour, has a tonnage of 33,800 and is equipped with eight 16-inch guns.

DOUG PUTS ON HIS NEW FOOT WARMERS AND TALKS ABOUT THE GLORY OF AMERICA

(By James W. Dean)
New York, Dec. 27.—This is a story about foot warmers, about the decadence of Europe and about Douglas Fairbanks.

Doug had just returned from Europe when I went to the Ritz Carlton to help him unpack and chat with him about his trip.

He was sitting on the floor, baggage to the left of him, luggage to the right of him, trunks in the rear of him and new English gray suit upon him and mustache still riding upon his lip.

"What are those?" I asked as he squatted there, fidgeting with two objects which looked like leather cushions.

"Footwarmers," he grunted as he wrestled them from their fastenings. "See, you put 'em on this way."

He slipped both tan brogues and fawn spats into the fur-lined things, then fastened the top with a button between the ankles.

"They're for motorcycling, riding in cold trains and things like that. Look here!" He unbuttoned a flap in the bottom and withdrew a flat clay flask.

"Ha! A fine way to bootleg," I jesting.

"No. Hot water bottles. They stay hot all day."

"Where'd you get 'em?"

"England. Say, Dean, England's the greatest place in the world for comfort. Those English know how to live. They—"

He stopped. Two thoughts had clashed, or rather a new one had overtaken the one coursing through his mind and was forging ahead for expression. That thing is characteristic in Fairbanks. I have observed before that his mind is like an electric dynamo, thoughts flying from it like blue sparks from a commutator. He speaks very rapidly. You must be quick and receptive if you are to catch the half of what he says and retain it. Pencil and paper are useless.

He leaned toward me as though he were about to reveal some great thought. "I was all attention for some astounding declaration. And this is what he said."

"This is the greatest country in the world."

He was about to ask him to tell me something new, that that was old stuff. But the seriousness in his face forbade that.

"I've been across 15 or 20 times. I guess," Doug continued, "but I've never been so glad to get back. So proud to think that I am an American. It's different this time. Europe feels differently toward America."

"In Europe they used to go ahead and do as they liked. America mattered little. Now it's always the question, 'What will America do?'"

"What will America say?" This country is recognized as the leader. That's the difference.

The "American Era"

"An American stands out in the crowd in Europe. He stands for something that is young and virile and capable of leadership. His position is accentuated by the decadence of Europe. The next 25 years will be the most prosperous in the history of the United States. There will be an American era comparable to the great Roman era when Rome stood for the leadership of the world."

"The art of Europe is advanced beyond the art of America, but that very art is the token of general decay."

"How about European pictures?" I asked.

"American pictures are ahead, far ahead, of European pictures in every respect. Our leadership is unquestioned."

"The American development of the photoplay is due to dramatic accumulation. Here we visualize the dramatic qualities in characters and situations. Over there they merely act."

"We hunt two months and a half for someone whose appearance and actions fit our conception of Richelieu and then put him in the part. Over

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Doug, as he returned from his second honeymoon with Mary Pickford and his first with his mustache

there they hand the part to an actor and he acts it.

"You can believe it or not, but we sweat blood in our studios when we make pictures. We live our pictures. We take them to bed with us. They engage our entire attention while we are making them."

"Over there they make pictures when they need a little pocket money. They go out and shoot a few scenes and call it a day's work."

Doug dug out of his baggage a small movie camera he bought in France. It's no bigger than an ordinary camera, but it will take 15 feet of film it operates by means of a spring released by a push button.

He demonstrated that to me and talked on about his meeting with Lloyd George and Winston Churchill and Lord Beaverbrook and other dignitaries of England.

While in England Doug arranged for the showing of "The Three Musketeers" at Covent Garden. Exhibition of movies there would have been considered sacrilege a few short months ago.

He talked of his experience in Italy where he gained business concessions by posing as an artist. He would have been refused them as a business man. He talked of France and Norway, of this and that and the other thing. Then back to the subject of pictures.

The First Language

"The picture language was the first," he said.

"A river, a boat and the moon scratched on a stone told its story. If I wanted a monument erected to me 5000 years from now I'd begin to es-

tablish a means of distributing pictures throughout India and China.

"It means of motion pictures could be lifted to equality with the rest of the world in two generations. If one man were to do this he would be recognized as a world leader. He could accomplish more by means of the motion picture than any number of men could accomplish with the written or spoken word."

"Maybe I've been wondering all this time about Mary," I had asked about her.

"She's in her room, lying down, resting," Doug told me. "She's all tucked out and I wouldn't disturb her till the world has come around to see us tomorrow. I know she'll be glad to see you."

And so this is Doug's story. Every Doug has his day, as they say. There'll be another day for Mary.

A PEEP INTO THE FUTURE

I asked Fairbanks what he intended to do when his picture days are over.

Mary and I were talking that over the other night, but we don't know what we'll do," he answered. "You see, we don't know just when our picture days will be over. I know I won't have to sit around and get fat."

The Fairbankses intend to live a few months each year at Nice and to film some pictures in Europe. They may appear together in a picture—and they may not. Doug's next picture will be "The Virginian."

DRAMATIC ACCUMULATION

American pictures are distinguished from foreign films by their "dramatic accumulation," Fairbanks says. He explained that he meant that there is a dramatic quality even in the beauties of Nature, that where the European sees beauty alone in a landscape the American senses that dramatic quality and something within him is stirred into response to that quality.

"This might be attributed to the theory of vibration," Fairbanks continued. "You may better understand what I mean if you take Chaplin's work for example. In his films as a whole and in abstract portions of them, you find an eloquence that speaks to you, that makes you respond to it. He needs the subtle loss than anyone else to tell his story."

SCREEN SIFTINGS

"Suzanna," Mabel Normand's next.

Eddie Hearn is to play opposite Jane Novak in "Starveling."

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BY CONDO



The man who steals a lock often gets a dirty one

"Germany Thinking of Prohibition"—headline. So are we

A player has an ill-wind that blows no good

There was a woman who was out for two Chicago's "boots"

Franklin are taking a picture a nobelman. Tommy Cooney will also try to crown him next spring

Health hint: Don't fuss the boy, where he can hear you

Window trust is seen through

The first board of health we remember was three feet long

A wise man never laughs at a wife before breakfast or kicks a stick of dynamite

Too often a man is known by the money he keeps

Weather men say winter gets later every year. But it will never come at a time when overcoats are cheap

Best thing to do is to forget a grouch—no matter who he is

Man is being sued for divorce because he has goat glands. And we bet the goats are tickled

Women shoppers think every window needs looking into

This is the first editorial paragraph ever written about Congress that didn't say Congress was a slow

If one wasn't born every minute this would be a dull world

The man who misses his train is slow; but the man who trains his misses isn't

Now we know how the expression "Gee Money Christmas" started

Idaho robbers who got only eleven cents found the safe wasn't what it was cracked up to be

Conan Doyle says he saw heaven and it was just like the earth. That wasn't heaven you saw, Conan

On the same day that the George-Town seismograph recorded an earthquake the last big power agreed to naval reduction

ADVENTURE OF THE TWINS

By Olive Barton Roberts

"Please, Green Shoes," said Nick excitedly, "take us up to the little playhouse at the top of the old apple tree!"

Instantly the Twins were lifted on the cool, green, grassy ground and carried straight to the queer little house that had mystified them so long. Right in through the mysterious doorway that had held so much delight and terror.

"Oh, oh, oh!" cried Nancy looking around in dismay. "It's empty!"

"Of course!" grunted Nick in his masculine manner. "What else did you expect?"

But secretly he was disappointed, too! Just why, he didn't know, but then, you know, there was the Cave of the Forty Thieves, and besides hadn't Aladdin found his wonderful lamp in an old well?

"What did you expect?" he repeated.

"Well," said Nancy. "I really didn't expect anything only—only—you see mother told me a story of Wendy who went to house-keeping in the tree top, and did spring house-cleaning for Peter Pan and I hoped—"

"Here's something," Nick interrupted her suddenly. "What do you suppose it's for?"

He had discovered an old iron handle and now wiggled it back and forth. A brake off an old farm wagon is what it was, fastened at one end to the floor, but Nick didn't know that.

"Why it looks like that thing the man worked the elevator with," declared Nancy. "In the big store in town where mother took us for hats."

"If it does," answered Nick, gulling it this way and that.

Nancy listened. "I hear something a-buzzin'," she said.

"It's the bees," said Nick. "They're after the honey in the blossoms."

But Nancy was looking out of the window. "Oh, oh! We're moving!" she cried. "We're going up! Look, Nick, quick!"

"Why," said Nick. "It must be an elevator after all! I wonder where we're going!"

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